

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

SASHA M. BARAJAS,

Defendants.

Case No.: 2:22-CR-0133-TOR-5

PROTECTIVE ORDER
REGULATING DISCLOSURE OF
DISCOVERY AND SENSITIVE
INFORMATION CONTAINED
THEREIN

The United States of America, having applied to this Court for a discovery protective order regarding the disclosure of discovery and sensitive information (the “Discovery”) to Defense Counsel in connection with the United States’ discovery obligations, and the Court finding good cause therefore, it is **HEREBY ORDERED**:

1. The United States’ Unopposed Motion for Discovery Protective Order (ECF No. 244) and Motion to Expedite (ECF No. 245) are **GRANTED**.

2. The United States is authorized to disclose Discovery in its possession and personal information material (hereinafter “Discovery”) in its possession pursuant to the discovery obligations imposed by this Court.

3. Government personnel and counsel for Defendant shall not provide, or make available, the Discovery to any person except as specified in this Order or by

1 approval from this Court. Therefore, defense counsel and the Government shall
2 restrict access to the Discovery, and shall only disclose the Discovery to their
3 client, office staff, investigators, independent paralegals, necessary third-party
4 vendors, consultants, and/or anticipated fact or expert witnesses to the extent that
5 defense counsel believes is necessary to assist in the defense of their client in this
6 matter or that the Government believes is necessary in the investigation and
7 prosecution of this matter.

8 4. Third parties contracted by the United States or defense counsel to
9 provide expert analysis or testimony may possess and inspect the Discovery, but
10 only as necessary to perform their case-related duties or responsibilities in this
11 matter. At all times, third parties shall be subject to the terms of this Order.

12 5. Discovery in this matter will be made available to defense counsel via
13 access to a case file on USA File Exchange, a government-provided USB-drive (to
14 be returned to the government after downloading) and defense-provided external
15 hard drives due to the volume of material. If necessary, to review discovery with
16 the client, defense counsel may download the Discovery and duplicate only once.
17 Discovery materials may not be left in the possession of the Defendant. In order to
18 provide Discovery to a necessary third-party vendor, consultant, and/or anticipated
19 fact or expert witness, defense counsel may duplicate the Discovery only once. No
20 other copies shall be made, by defense counsel, the Defendant or the third-party,
21 without prior approval from this Court.

22 6. To the extent that defense counsel makes any portion of the Discovery
23 available in paper format to anyone, including his client, outside of counsel's
24 office, defense counsel shall ensure that any and all sensitive and confidential
25 information is redacted or removed.

26 7. All counsel of record in this matter, including counsel for the United
27 States, shall ensure that any party, including the Defendant, that obtains access to
28 the Discovery is provided a copy of this Order. No other party that obtains access

1 to or possession of the Discovery shall retain such access or possession unless
2 authorized by this Order, nor further disseminate the Discovery except as
3 authorized by this Order. Any other party that obtains access to, or possession of,
4 the Discovery shall promptly destroy or return the Discovery once access to or
5 possession of Discovery is no longer necessary. For purposes of this Order, “other
6 party” is any person other than counsel for the United States, counsel for
7 Defendant, or the Defendant.

8 8. All counsel of record, including counsel for the United States, shall keep
9 a list to identify each person to whom the Discovery is disclosed and who was
10 advised of the requirements of this Order. Neither counsel for the Defendant, nor
11 the counsel for the United States, shall be required to disclose this list of persons
12 unless ordered to do so by the Court.

13 9. Upon entry of a final order of the Court in this matter and conclusion of
14 any direct appeals, government personnel and counsel for Defendant shall retrieve
15 and destroy all copies of the Discovery, except that counsel and government
16 personnel may maintain copies in their closed files following their customary
17 procedures.

18 10. Government personnel and counsel for Defendant shall promptly report
19 to the Court any known violations of this Order.

20 **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The District Court Executive is hereby directed to
21 enter this order and furnish copies to counsel.

22 DATED October 21, 2022.



Thomas O. Rice
THOMAS O. RICE
United States District Judge